



Report of State Meetings

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After visiting Jamaica I left for California, arrived in Los Angeles and was met by H. E. Mosteller. Our California convention convened in Corona, Calif. in the American Legion Memorial Hall, which seats several hundred people. Almost the entire delegation of preachers from California was present and some from Arizona. Brother Ingram had a well arranged program. The ministers were anointed by the precious Holy Ghost and gave out their messages with power. The work in California is going forward. Brother Ingram gave an account of his missionary work in Mexico and also spoke of the work in Arizona. California is a ripe field and we feel that this meeting will be a great blessing to the Church. Quite a number of holiness people from other movements were present and I have learned since that they contemplate coming into the Church.

After the meeting was over we returned to Los Angeles and spent a day and night in the home of Brother and Sister Mosteller, then started on our long journey home. We were four days on the road. Arriving in Cleveland, looking after our mail, we then made preparation to leave for Mississippi.

We arrived in Morgantown the evening of March 2nd. We were entertained in the home of Col.

Kelly Hammond. Morgantown is a beautiful little place and almost the entire town believes in holiness. Brother T. M. McClendon had charge of this meeting. There was a wonderful spirit with power and blessings which accompanied each speaker. God so wonderfully blessed until the testimony of most all present was that they expected to renew their covenant with God and do more for Him in the future than they had ever done.

We left Morgantown for Eupora, Miss. and spent several days in the home of Brother and Sister McClendon. Brother McClendon is making a great sacrifice for the work in Mississippi and God is surely honoring his efforts.

Our next convention was at Thorn, Miss. commencing March 9th. A cold wave struck us just as the convention started and it hindered the convention so far as attendance was concerned. Still, in spite of the cold weather we had a good congregation in day time and the house packed at night. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. We believe these conventions are getting better every year. It was at this place I received a telegram of the death of my little grandson, Thereon McLain. We had to return to Cleveland from this town. After spending a couple of days here we left for Louisiana.

Our N. Louisiana convention con-

vened at Forest, La. This is practically a new place for the Church. Oh, how the Lord did bless! The place was packed with visitors from all the northern part of the state. There was only one preacher absent and he had sickness in his home. Brother Cole had a good program arranged and it seemed every speaker was at his best. The people shouted and rejoiced and it seemed that waves of glory came down as the preachers would give out the precious Word.

Our next convention was at Shepherds Fold, La. The weather cleared up and everything was favorable. The people thronged the place from all over the southern part of Louisiana. All preachers were present at this convention. The unity and fellowship was something wonderful. We feel that Louisiana is making rapid progress for the Church. It is a beautiful state and the people are talented and we are more than proud of their loyal service for God and His Church. We returned to the office for a few days to enjoy the meeting at the close of school. This camp meeting proved a great success. Brother Paulk did the preaching at night and they had two services during the day in the schoolroom. Many preachers gathered here to enjoy this feast, and God wonderfully blessed.

We will leave on the 29th for a state convention in Georgia, which will convene at Crane Eater. We covet an interest in the prayers of the people that God will take us through the trials and help us to be an overcomer.

NOTICES

The Washington district meeting which was given out for Feb. 17, 18 had to be postponed on account of Brother Stephens' brother dying in Florida and he could not be here. The time is again set for the third Saturday and Sunday in April at Washington church. Every pastor and clerk in the district, be sure and be here with a good report and all your members. Pray earnestly for this to be a good meeting. We invite those of other districts to come over and be with us for we are expecting the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to be in charge.—Clayton Pinion, district pastor.

The Lord is blessing in Ohio. We are having good revivals at most of the churches.—Your brother in—Jesus, E. Haynes.

I corresponded with a Church of God evangelist while my address was at Kempston, W. Va., concerning a gospel tent I had conditionally bought from him at the General Assembly. At that time he was in the State of Georgia. I have lost his address and forgotten his name. I ask him to please write me at once at Pierce, W. Va.—Re-

spectfully, R. L. Rexrode.

Any one desiring a good No. 9 Oliver typewriter as good as new and cost me \$45.00, please write me at once. Will either sell or trade it on a gospel tent, large or small.—Sincerely, R. L. Rexrode, Pierce, W. Va.

The Lawton district Sunday School convention will convene in the Church of God at Faxon, Okla. Sunday, April 15, 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. We especially invite all Sunday School workers in the district to attend. We expect our state overseer, also state superintendent, Brother Brereton, to be with us. Sunday School superintendents, bring report of your school for the past quarter. Dinner on the ground. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Opsata, district overseer.

The Bristol district convention will convene in the City Hall at Johnson City, Tenn., 20th-22nd. Everybody welcome. Come and enjoy every service. Brother T. S. Payne, our state overseer, will be with us, also visitors from other districts. We are expecting some quartets and string bands from different churches in the district.—H. B. Helton, district pastor, 1316

Shelby St., Bristol, Tenn.

The Y. P. E. convention for the Bristol district will convene at Bristol, Tenn., April 8. Everybody welcome, especially all the young people in the district. Sister Harrison will be present and will speak at eleven o'clock, also other good speakers from each church in the district. Everybody come and enjoy the good service.—H. B. Helton, district pastor, 1316 Shelby St., Bristol, Tenn.

To the ministers and churches in the State of Texas: The Paris district convention will convene at Lannius, Tex., April 13-15 inclusive. Churches on this district are Paris, Blossom, Ladonia, Lannius, Maxie, Gaussville, Celina, Cold Springs, Lone Elm. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this convention and enjoy the feast from the Lord.—Humbly your brother, J. C. Coats.

The Jesup district convention will convene at Blanton's Grove church beginning Saturday night before the third Sunday in April and continuing through Sunday night, D. V. Our state overseer, Brother J. W. Culpepper, will be in charge. We invite all the brothers and sisters and friends to come and be with us. Brother Culpepper will visit the following churches: Oak Ridge, Monday night, April 16; Odessa, Tuesday night, April 17. Let us pray, one and all, for the success of these services.—John J. Floyd, district pastor, Jesup, Ga.

We have just closed a revival at Worley, Ky. with nine saved, five sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. The devil fought hard but God gave us the victory. Bad weather hindered quite a bit but God won in the battle. We praise Him for victory.—Carl M. Hughes, evangelist.

Brother J. W. Cress just closed a revival at Norton, Va. a few weeks ago. The meeting lasted two weeks and God graciously blessed. Although some rejected the Lord and turned Him away, others received Him and were wonderfully saved. Ten were saved, three sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. The people gave good attention while the wonderful messages were given out. We thank the saints from Clear Creek, Va.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly of the Church of God will convene Oct. 6-12 inclusive, at the Memorial Auditorium, Chattanooga, Tenn. The reason for this change is because our Auditorium in Cleveland is too small to accommodate the crowds. We are not able to build a new auditorium this year. After consulting with our friends in Cleveland, and the brethren on the field, we feel that it would be good for us to go to Chattanooga for one year, and possibly after this Assembly we will be able to have our own executive building again in Cleveland, at least we hope so. Every member of the Church should advertise this Assembly and try to be present. Bring your friends and see the glory of God.

This Auditorium has a seating capacity in the main auditorium of about six thousand, and a smaller auditorium that will seat fifteen hundred. It is very commodious with rest rooms and committee rooms. It has a large dining room in the basement where you can feed a thousand people. We hope the people at large and all our friends will come and enjoy this wonderful feast.—S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.

GENERAL INDEBTEDNESS

The General Indebtedness Drive is getting along fairly well. Only one state up to date has paid its entire quota but many states have reported half their quota collected. On account of some special arrangements that are necessary to be made for the future progress of the Church and its different departments, and after consulting with the General Trustees, we are asking all states to try and close their General Indebtedness Drive by July 1st. This will greatly oblige the trustees who are custodians for all property and responsible for the construction of buildings to accommodate different departments of the Church. Hoping that all will kindly co-operate with us and that each state will try and have your quota in by July 1st, I am yours truly, S. W. Latimer, General Overseer.



The Christian's Inventory

Text, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" 2 Cor. 13:5.

After looking around and seeing the signs of the times and that the coming of the Lord is so very near, it is high time to take inventory of our spiritual stock. It will be well for us all to take inventory and see where we are located in the light of the Holy Scriptures. See that we are not self-centered in thought or soleish in nature, but walking in the steps of Him who gave His all for us. It is necessary for us to know our relationship with God and man.

Paul says, "Prove your own selves." How? By measuring our works, attitude, and consecration by the Word of God. If we do not measure to the Scriptures as we have light on them we are found wanting and the results will be that of the king of Babylon, God's judgments will be poured out upon us and we will have to suffer the consequence. James said to earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. That means to fight for it, hold to it, declare it and live it. Many in these last days are cooling off and allowing things to separate them from the old time faith until they have lost the vision of God's purpose for them and the result is they are asleep in Zion. A woe is pronounced upon them. They have lost the Spirit of Christ and Paul calls them REPROBATES. Reprobate means condemned, base, given over to sin. If we lose the birth pang for souls, that is a sure sign that we have lost our grip on God. If we have lost our desire to pray souls thru to victory, it is a sure

By PAUL H. WALKER

sign that we are slipping. Those who one time spent hours in prayer at the altar in agony for God's blessings on hungry seekers, many of them today have let up in the battle and the enemy is rocking them to sleep in the cradle of self-righteousness. Let us examine ourselves and see whether we be in the faith or not.

We Should Examine Our Consecration

Rom. 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your BODIES a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Our best is none too good to be used in the Lord's service. He asks us for our time, talent, and all we have. After we have presented our bodies unto Him to be used in His service, holy, acceptable, we have only done reasonable service. Paul says that we are allowed this presentation of ourselves to God only by the mercy of God. Some think they have done God a favor by repenting and giving themselves to God to keep out of hell, as if to say, Now we have quit the devil and have made a tremendous sacrifice and you (God) ought to notice us and also every one else. But when our all is consecrated to Him we have only done our reasonable service, and it is by the mercy of God that we are recognized. God is not hard up. He does not need us, but WE NEED HIM. He can get along without us but we cannot get along without Him.

When you put the reading or the result of the inventory of your consecration in the light of the Scriptures, how does it show up?

Have you plenty in stock so you can be of use in God's service? The storekeeper takes inventory and keeps stocked up with what the public demands. Are you stocked up on consecration so you have to offer and give what God demands? How about Sunday School work? Are you a promoter and your body consecrated enough so you can get up in time to get to Sunday School in time? or do you lag along behind and come dragging in twenty minutes late or wait until Sunday School is over and come only for preaching service? If you are consecrated you have an interest in Sunday School. There is a place for you there. You must fill it. Are you consecrated enough to remember the orphans, the mission work, etc.? How far are you behind in your tithes? You have been looking out for No. 1, but how about God's part? If we are consecrated to God it will mean more than to have a Pentecostal picnic, but to do His will. It is not hard to demonstrate. I have seen lots of that and also believe in it, but God is not in so much of a credit business. Better get consecrated and keep in line with the Scriptures and then do the shouting. Some shout by faith, or ahead of time, but let consecration come first.

Men used to work in all kinds of adverse circumstances, walk for miles to preach and attend service. Now it is different. Some will hardly walk five blocks and if it is a little blustery out they make no effort at all. Preachers today expect everything to be arranged for them—church, house, and plenty of tithes. It is hard to find many who will get out and dig out a place for themselves. They might not have the ability but real consecration will cause one at least to try. But now we hear this, I will work in your territory if you have what I want or what suits me.

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Notes from The Editor



THRONE IN THE CLOUDS

Keith L. Brooks, writing in Prophecy tells us that "the Emperor Haile Selassie of Abyssinia has just bought a new three-motored Swiss airplane and is having a throne installed in it. This is the first monarch in all history to carry his throne in the clouds."

It is remarkable how that mechanical invention has proved the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. The possibility of having a flying throne in the air is in harmony with Ezek. 1:26; Rev. 4:4; and Isa. 60:8, where a throne of heavenly order and declaration is mentioned. Many think the latter reference is to the flying of aeroplanes thru the air to their respective places of landing.

FASTING AND PRAYER

From Mark 2:19, 20 the purpose of fasting is very evident. While Jesus was here with His disciples they could not fast as they were comforted by His presence. Fasting is for the purpose of overcoming the powers of the wicked one, which have separated between the creature and his Lord. The result is that when those powers are overcome, the Lord's presence is manifest unto His children. The true and ultimate purpose of prayer and fasting is to bring back the Lord's presence among His people. Fasting was necessary to cast out evil spirits, Mark 9:29; Matt. 17:21, which can alone be done by the presence and power of the Lord. The early church was accustomed to fasting, 1 Cor. 7:5; 2 Cor. 6:5; 11:27; Acts 13:2.

EVANGEL ROLLS

We find that there is an increasing demand for the Evangel in rolls. Those who desire to supply your community or church in this way may order as many as you think you can sell; increasing or lowering that number as your trade demands. Young boys or girls could do a good and great work by ordering and selling the Evangel in your neighborhood. Any quantity 2c per copy, cash at the end of the month.

LARGEST MOTOR BUS

According to Jewish Missionary Magazine, "Toward the end of 1933 The Bender Body Company of Cleveland, Ohio, announced that it had received the contract for the building for the Nairn Transportation Company of Iraq what is reputed to be the largest motor bus in the world. The bus will be 69 feet long. Mounted on 18 wheels it will be propelled by a 385 horsepower Deisel motor. It will accommodate 35 passengers, and will be insulated against the desert heat." It will provide first and second class compartments. "The journey that took Ezra four months from Babylon to Jerusalem (Ezra 7:9), and requires 24 days by the present water routes, may now be accomplished from Bagdad to Damascus in 24 hours of desert driving."

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SOME STARTLING FIGURES

Dr. A. T. Schofield

Out of 1,000 Christians—
695, or nearly three-quarters were

converted under 20.

208, or one-fifth were converted between 20 and 30.

69 were converted between 30 and 40.

19 were converted between 40 and 50.

6 were converted between 50 and 60.

2 were converted between 60 and 70.

1 was converted between 70 and 75.

This suggests that if conversions are not to take place amongst young people, three-fourths of the present Christians might not be Christians at all.

As we look more closely at these figures, we shall see how remarkably the

Spiritual Unfolding

coincides with material changes. Amongst girls the awakening or arousing to a sense of need of salvation and of entrance into a higher life, in fact, the real opening of the mind to spiritual realities takes place mainly from 10-16, amongst boys 14-16; and this awakening takes place as a rule a year before conversion.

Conversions amongst girls are as follows: For every 40 at sixteen we get 36 at thirteen, and 12 at twenty, and 5 at nine and at twenty-four. That is to say, conversions at sixteen are more numerous than at thirteen, and 3 times as numerous as at twenty. They are also 8 times as numerous at sixteen, as at nine or twenty-four. In other words, the age of most conversions is undoubtedly that of fully-developed puberty.

Amongst boys, for 40 cases at sixteen we get 13 cases at thirteen or twenty, and 4 cases at nine and twenty-four, and conversions are rare after thirty.

Here again the drawing manhood is the period for conversions; these being three times as numerous as they are four years sooner or later, and ten times as numerous as eight years sooner or later, while at double the age they hardly occur at all.

There can be no doubt whatever that the most common time for conversions is sixteen or thereabout, and there can be little doubt that the period chosen for "confirmation" has some connection with this.

Spontaneous awakenings and conversions, that is, apart from external agencies, are most common

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The Existence of God and What He is Like

By P. W. HADSOCK

It is useless to discuss the question "Is there a God?" for belief that there is a God is instinctive. If one has so blunted his natural perceptions as not to see this fact, he classifies himself with those of whom it is written, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." Not one atheist was found among the native Africans, Indians, or Eskimos. Infidels exist among the intellectuals because they have subordinated normal faith to self-derived intelligence.

No fact stands out clearer in Scripture, or is so emphasized, as the truth that there is but one true God. The essence of the Christian faith, the foundation of the Church, is that Jesus Christ is that one God incarnate. The Jews believed that their promised Messiah would be Jehovah, the only God, incarnate. Isaiah cried, "Prepare ye the way of Jehovah. Make straight in the desert an highway for our God." And John the Baptist took up these same words and proclaimed them in the wilderness. Jesus was not to die on a false charge. When He asked why they put Him to death, His persecutors replied, "Because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God." The charge was true. His divinely given name means Jehovah saveth. He declared, "The Father and I are one. I can do nothing of myself; the Father within me doeth the works."

What God is Like

It is astounding that any one in Christendom should ask the question, "What is God like?" or in other words, How does God do things today? Read with me Matt. 9:10-13. "And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and SINNERS CAME and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it (the publicans and sinners sitting down with Jesus and His disciples), they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and LEARN

what that meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice, for I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Jesus came into the world to show what God is like and how God does things. He broke open the veil of the sanctuary and showed us God's portrait in His own life. No one can form any idea of God other than He is revealed in the Christ. Jesus said, "If ye had known me, ye would have known the Father also." One can know as much about God as he learns about Jesus. "Take my yoke upon you and LEARN of me." The practical feature of this is most vital.

In His attitude toward the publicans and sinners Jesus demonstrated what God is like. His true expression of love and sympathy was so different to the conception of what the sect of the Pharisees understood to be true righteousness, that they offered sharp criticism. God in His way of doing things is so different from the human standpoint of view, while at the same time He performs His work thru human instrumentality.

Nothing is more convincing of God and what He is like than demonstration of His power in the lives of His professed followers. The following expression of Jesus, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick," carries with it true meaning of a true missionary spirit. God's whole plan and program for the Church today is to reach the unreached with the message and ministry of His Word.

Righteous people are those who are saved and ready for Heaven. Sinners are the lost of earth to whom Jesus came to minister and for whom He gave His life to save, and every true follower of His has this objective in view.

The Responsibility of the Church

There is the one true God existing today, and His likeness remains unchanged from the beginning. His Word is yet the true Word of God, the Word of life, and while these are facts, there is also another important fact; namely, the responsibility of the Church in

the great plan and program of God for today. The Church is God's organism to perfect His will for the nations. "And he said unto them (the Church), Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to EVERY CREATURE," Mark 16:15. That command has never been withdrawn from the Church. It is most likely that the day of INDIVIDUAL EVANGELISM is here, the need to go out into the byways as well as the highway and seek the sinners out one by one and bring them into the fold of God.

We are indeed living in critical days, and at the same time these are golden days for gospel work. Every preacher of the gospel whether bishop, evangelist, exhorter or personal worker should be encouraged and pressed into service; every dollar, yes, every penny that can be turned into a channel to promote and spread the gospel, should be put into active service. Overseers and pastors who are drawing fabulous salaries, tying up excessive amounts of God's money in luxurious automobiles, need only to search more closely the Scriptures for God's plan and program for the Church today and the responsibility He places on THE CHURCH, which places the ministry in the lead in assuming such responsibility, and also places the ministry in the lead in sacrificial living and zeal for the service of God. Many glorious revivals are in progress, scores are finding the Christ of the Bible, but if the many useful preachers and workers who are now practically inactive due to the depression, could be pressed into service with those on the field now, what a harvest of souls would be the result.

"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest," Luke 10:2. "And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent," Rom. 10:14, 15. "And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others STANDING IDLE, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us," Matt. 20:6, 7.

Included in the responsibility placed on the Church by Jesus, is the problem of keeping the workers busy in the vineyard. It is claimed that labor-saving machin-

ery is responsible for the unemployment of the millions of skilled workers who are standing idle today. "No man hath hired them." The inventive genius of men is looked upon as an asset to the nation. This is indeed true, but it was a sad day for our nation when man's invented labor-saving machinery overbalanced the working men of the nation. This condition has brought about heartache and suffering, and the final result has not yet been determined. What is true with the nation can be true with the Church. The parable of the laborers in the vineyard teaches just that. Read Matt. 20:1-9. Here is a group of workers who only put in one hour of service. They would have put in more time had they been hired earlier in the day.

God is impartial in all His dealings with the human family. This is a true likeness of God, and He has destined that this true characteristic of Himself should be por-

trayed in the workings of the Church, and in order to make this possible He has provided that men of proper calling and gifts be placed in corresponding offices and positions. "And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ," Eph. 4:11, 12. And may I say that when God-called laborers are in their proper offices and places of labor there shall be no "standing idle all the day long." There shall be no unemployment among the ministry. Every one will be busy in the vineyard of the Lord. There shall be no favoritism as demonstrated by the political world. God is not like that. But pastors will fill the pastorate (which include overship), evangelists will cover the evangelistic field, teachers will teach, etc. A place for every one and every one in their place. God is like that.

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Some have a number of strings they are pulling on. In case one deal would fail they would have another place. Then, when they are located they have to be watched for fear something would turn up that did not just suit and they would fly the kite, so to speak. I am afraid we are (many of us) missing the mark. Better get back to Calvary and despise not the day of small things. I fear if one would not be able to establish or promote a work in a new field they might not be able to care for one that was established. Let us as preachers, as well as lay members, examine our consecration. Are we willing to suffer for Him who suffered for us? Some complain of financial embarrassment. Well we can make use of what we have and trust God and He will see us thru. I decided a long time ago if God did not care for me I would quit the business. I have had trials and been in debt but the Lord has never left me high and dry without help. Real consecration brings faith. The two mixed and properly used will work mightily toward the tearing down of Satan's strongholds.

We Should Examine Our Conduct

How about our home life? Do our loved ones have confidence in us? In John 2:1-3 we see a typical

Christian home—Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. They loved each other. Jesus stayed there with them often. This party of four were devoted to each other. If Jesus is in our home we will be devoted to each other. Lazarus took sick and died. His sisters sent unto Jesus and said, "He whom thou lovest is sick." When Jesus came he was dead. Mary said, "Master, if thou had been here my brother had not died." She loved her brother. I once asked a young lady if she would not like to have the same salvation her parents had. She said, "I would like to have what my mother has, or the same kind." How about father? "Well, he's abusive in the home. Mother is afraid of him, doesn't dare cross him or give her opinion or ideas about anything. He snaps her off crossly and flies off at every little thing. I haven't much confidence in dad." That father's carelessness may be the means of causing that girl to be lost. Do we have a meek spirit in our home life? Do we have a forgiving spirit? It is not how we act in the presence of others that counts so much. The judgment will reveal every hidden thing.

How about our conduct in business? Does the grocer have confidence in you? Have you run a big bill there and now that you

have a little money do your trading in some other store on a cash basis? The other man has trusted you and now you betray his confidence in you and he decides you are a hypocrite, and he is quite right. Some deal at the store and when the clerk says so much for such an article they flare up and say, "I can get it for half price over at the other store." You might be exaggerating. The clerk feels you are lying. I think perhaps you are too. Oh, that men would have an influence because of decent and respectable conduct. When a preacher loses his grip on his people it is generally because His conduct has been poor. He perhaps has said things about some member to other members that have caused hard feelings between them. He has perhaps been a moneygetter and always talking about his poverty to every one. That gets tiresome and I do not care for that company long. He may take his own good time in skinning and flaying his flock when things are dead and he accuses them and blames them. They go home bruised and bleeding and heartbroken. The pastor is the fellow that is to blame for the condition of the church in most every instance. If he has a fanatical church it generally is because he has allowed it. If he has a spiritually dead church it is because the flock has not been fed right. Good wholesome food will produce strong, fat sheep. A wholesome gospel will produce strong, fat saints. Brother Preacher, you make the church what it is. Your ability is judged by what you produce. The condition of a local church will tell on the pastor. Without a proper influence we are miserable failures. With a good influence you are a success if you retain it.

Inventory of Our Social Life

Eph. 5:1, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." The old saying is "Birds of a feather flock together." Our companionship generally proves what we are, at least if we are not what our companions are, we will be so considered by the public. Our companionship means everything in preserving our influence. God's people are a separated people. They are in a class by themselves. If we break away from our class and mingle and associate with the worldly class, we will be so classed

and our influence will be worthless. I fear that many are taking advantage of what the Lord demands in compromising with those of the worldly element. Our companionship should not be with the world. Young people sometimes choose unsaved companions to company with and later become intimate to the extent that they marry. The final result often is that the saved party loses out in his or her soul and goes the ways of the world in the mad whirl of time toward eternal doom. This is sad but how true. You may look on either side and see it. Young people should never give place to the enemy in their social life. It would be better to stand alone with the Lord than to have a life companion that had stolen your joy, both of you to be lost in the regions of the damned. Darkness and light can not mix. If we have light and mingle with darkness, darkness will have to flee, but if we disobey God in our social life we go in darkness. How sad to travel in darkness. Just think of the word DARKNESS, blackness of night. Surely we want to flee from darkness. Paul said have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but reprove them. Young man, young lady, you can not mingle with workers of darkness in this dark and wicked age. Let us look to Him who doeth all things well and let Him choose our path and help us in planning our life.

"I'll go where you want me to go,
dear Lord,
O'er mountains or plain or sea.
I'll do what you want me to do,
dear Lord,
I'll be what you want me to be."

We Should Examine Our Attitude

A correct intellectual faith coupled with a wrong attitude of heart is deceptive and very dangerous. 1 Cor. 13:2, "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." Out of the heart proceedeth the issues of life. If the heart is wrong all is wrong. Love is the fountain of all perfection and excellency, and regardless of all faith we must have the love of God. When we have love we have the right attitude. We might have faith and not love and that would be of no profit. A sincere heart belief is always manifested by a spirit of love. Gal. 5:6,

"Faith worketh by love."

Our attitude should be threefold. 1. Toward Christ. John 14:15, "If ye LOVE me, keep my commandments." We keep His commandments because we love Him. Love is the fulfilling of the law. We should love Him after all the sacrifice He has made for us in giving all He had, even His life, in our stead, providing salvation for all from the curse of a broken law and the dark, endless night of despair. 2. The attitude toward our brethren. Gal. 5:13, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." Our liberty is not for selfish interests or motives, but in service one for the other and that by love. 3. Attitude toward ourselves. Rom. 12:3, "For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to

think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." We have not whereof to boast. We are nothing within ourselves. Some preachers boast of their being able to outpreach and outstrip the other, but, brother, if God blesses us He is due the credit. We have no right to think HIGHLY of ourselves. You use sense enough to look around and see the man that exalts himself and you will soon see a man that will come to naught. He that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall. We have an individual responsibility and that is to examine ourselves. The result of an intelligent and honest investigation will give us a humble and teachable spirit if we are willing to follow the leadings of the Spirit.

"Are you adoring the doctrine,

The glorious doctrine of God?

Walking so holy before Him,

Following where He has trod?"

The Body of Christ

By J. C. FARMER

When we speak of the body of Christ we are referring to the Church. Eph. 1:22, 23; 1 Cor. 12:27. The Church is composed of men and women who are saved. Acts 2:47. For our study we will turn to the 12th chapter of 1 Corinthians. Paul writing to the church at Corinth wished them to be enlightened concerning spiritual gifts. Ignorance has caused most of the suffering in the Church. Christ was crucified because He was misunderstood. The world did not know Paul's motive for preaching, therefore he lost his head. The Holy Spirit is grieved today by being misunderstood.

Eph. 4:30, 1 Cor. 12:12, 14 uses the human body with the different members and their relation to each other to teach the unity of the body of Christ which is the Church. The foot is not the body but one member of the body and serves to carry the body. The hand is one member and cares for the body, dresses and feeds it, etc. The eye is the light of the body. The ear hears for the body. The nose smells for the body. The tongue speaks for the body, and so on, but all these members make only one body and are ruled by one spirit, or the brain, making the body subject to the head, and if one of

these members are hurt, all the body suffers with it. To amputate any one of these members, the body is not whole or complete. So also is the Church many members but one body, and each member has its place to fill.

Remember, God made the human body and placed each member where best suited. V. 18. Christ has built His Church or made His body, which is composed of many members, operated by the same Spirit. V. 13. God hath set some in the Church. V. 28. 1. God placed the apostles to establish and uphold the Christian church. 2. God set the prophets in the body to edify, exhort, and console. 1 Cor. 14:4, 24. 3. He set teachers having been taught by the Holy Ghost (John 14:26), to teach others the deep truths of God's Word. 4. He set miracles in the Church, things unaccounted for from the human standpoint, done in the name of Jesus to prove He is God. Acts 3:6. 5. Gifts of healing. It is not God's will that people are sick. "Ye shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." (Jesus), Mark 16:18. 6. Helps or helpers, so talented as to be able to assist in any part of the church work. 7. Governments or overseers. 8. Diversities of tongues (languages or

dialects). As this member is the most abused and the least understood we shall for the benefit of the reader endeavor to cast more light on the subject. When one speaks of tongues or the gift of tongues, most people refer to the eleventh chapter of Genesis which has no relation to the tongue of the New Testament, though in my opinion the gift of different languages was a great blessing to the world. The sin at Babylon was in setting all in one place and not subduing the earth as God commanded. They were trying to build themselves a name rather than exalt the name of God. The tongues in the New Testament was not to scatter the people but was set in the Church as one of the members of spiritual ministries. 1 Cor. 12:28. Let us look in the Scriptures to find its place.

First, the Bible tells us it is a sign. Isa. 28:11, 12; 1 Cor. 14:21, 22; Mark 16:17. To the believer the tongue announces the presence of the Holy Ghost. Jesus tells us in John 15:26, "He shall testify of me," and in John 16:13, "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth is come * * * he shall not SPEAK of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he SPEAK." Peter understood it to mean THE HOLY GHOST IS PRESENT for when the one hundred twenty began speaking with tongues he said, THIS IS THAT. Acts 2:16.

To the unbeliever the tongue is God's way of trying to convince him. He that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16:16. Read again Isa. 28:11, 12; 1 Cor. 14:21, 22. The tongue is like all the other signs, it either convinces or confuses. When Christ was on trial the people were so disturbed no two could tell the same tale, but Christ sat perfectly calm. At Pentecost the unbelievers were so confused they imagined different things had happened, but all their imaginations were wrong. Those who had received the Holy Ghost paid no attention to the disturbed crowd but just kept on praising God. Today the man who hasn't received the Holy Ghost is doing all the kicking and raising all sorts of disturbances, while the fellow with the blessing is still praising God.

The third sign of the tongue is a witness to each other. After Paul heard the twelve disciples at Ephesus speak with tongues he didn't ask them if they had the Holy Ghost. Acts 19:2-6. The Holy

Ghost came on them and they SPAKE WITH TONGUES, Acts 19: 6. Peter was willing to baptize the Gentiles when he heard them speak WITH TONGUES. Acts 10: 44-48. The use of the Holy Ghost tongue in the Church is in PRAISING GOD. In Acts 2 we read that they were praising and blessing God. Tongues should not be used by a teacher except he interpret. The Holy Ghost is a teacher. John 14:26; 1 John 2:27. He does not teach tongues without interpretation. 1 Cor. 14:5, 6, 13. The member that teaches has the gift of teaching, Rom. 12:7, but as tongues are not understood without an interpreter, he is commanded to pray that he may interpret. 1 Cor. 14:2.

So far as any one can find in the New Testament, every one that was baptized with the Holy Ghost at and after Pentecost spoke in some language other than his native tongue, as an evidence and a sign of the presence of the Spirit of God. However, that is not the gift of tongues for at Pentecost all spoke in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. Acts 2:4. All did not have the gift of tongues but the Spirit divided the different gifts which would be best for the Church, 1 Cor. 12:11, and the gift of tongues is just one gift. 1 Cor. 12:10. The others have already been stated.

Paul, the inspired teacher to the Gentiles, recognized tongues as a gift from God. If a man prays in the Spirit (or tongues) it is a mystery, and when one sings in the Spirit (or tongues) it is a mystery. 1 Cor. 14:14-16. It is claimed by some critics that none spoke in other tongues except the apostles but Acts 2 shows that one hundred and twenty spoke with tongues at Pentecost. Others say it was never repeated after Pentecost, but we find that after eight years Peter went to Cornelius' house and those who heard (believed) the Word were filled with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues. Acts 10:46. Sixteen years after this, or twenty-four years after Pentecost, when Paul laid hands on the disciples at Ephesus, it was again repeated. Acts 19:6.

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SOME STARTLING FIGURES

(Continued from page 4)
at fifteen.

In conversion the influence of the home life is more marked in

boys than girls; though in girls, also, home influence is the most common cause. Next to home the influence of friends is the greatest cause, and next to that

The Church or Ministry

Girls suffer in the deep effect on their emotions more at the time than young men. Of course, in all statistics and in all religious education, the needs and conditions of each personality must be taken into account. I can only give the general result, which must not be too closely pressed, for we have many "Samuels" and not a few "Philippian jailers"; so that it must not be supposed on the one hand that there must be no thought of God till one is sixteen; nor on the other that there is no hope afterwards.

I may say that not only the brain and emotions are very unstable in youth, but that it is a period when all external influences are most active, for good or evil. How important it is, then, that these be pure and spiritual.—The Elim Evangel.

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"BURGLARY AND THE BIBLE"

The "Dearborn Independent," under the curious heading which appears above, published the following suggestive little article:

"Anyone would be foolish to contend that the mere reading of the Bible in our public schools would revolutionize the morals of a nation over night. It seems equally unwise to assert it would make no improvement on a generation. The burglary insurance rate is \$12.00 per thousand in Boston, \$22.00 in New York, and \$27.50 in Chicago. Is there any connection between these figures and the fact that the Bible has been read daily in the public schools of Boston for sixty-five years, for twenty-two years, in New York, and excluded for thirty years from the schools in Chicago?"

This comes from a secular paper and carries with it a matter of alarm. Actual figures affirm these woeful results.—E.S.D.

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SPECIAL

The Church of God at Mt. Vale will have home coming day April 15th. All the churches of the district are invited. We hope to have our district overseer with us. Come and bring a nice filled basket and let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord.—Your brother, George L. Petty, pastor, Rt. 1, Jefferson City, Tenn.



In Foreign Fields



GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD

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All Material for this Department should be sent to E. C. Clark, Mission Secretary.

MAN-O'-WAR CAY, BAHAMAS, B. W. I.

I feel certain that many will rejoice to hear of the splendid revival that has been going over here in the Bahamas. It is a pleasure to me to write of it. It is being conducted by Brother Porter White from South Carolina. We feel and know that it was God who put it in his heart to come to these islands to preach. Surely God has owned his work, and will, I believe, continue to bless thru him.

Until Brother White came here a few weeks ago and preached a sermon, there had been no Church of God preacher here as I can remember. The only church was at Green Turtle Cay. Many seemed not to understand his sermon and believed that some points of the doctrine did not harmonize with scripture. Brother White was on his way to Nassau when he preached that sermon here, and, not being satisfied with the effect of that sermon, decided to spend more time with us. A number of the dear brethren from the church at Green Turtle Cay came with him, among whom was the pastor there and a few of the dear sisters. How we enjoyed the sweet singing and good testimonies of these sisters. Many believe it is not scriptural and right for a woman to speak or pray in church, but, praise His holy name, the fervent prayers and supplications of the sisters have been effectual. God put His approval on their work by an outpouring of the precious Holy Ghost on a few of the sisters with whom they prayed and tarried. Praise the Lord! One dear brother here received the Holy Ghost.

The brethren and sisters who came with Brother White returned to their home again after a week of fellowship and labor in the Lord with us, but we're glad that Brother White and his wife, with Brother Clifton, are still with us and will be with us for about a week longer, if God wills.

Now this is just a small settlement of about one hundred inhabitants and although some are in opposition to the doctrine, God has

seen fit to shower down His blessings upon us. Some have been saved, a few sanctified, and five filled with the precious Holy Ghost. We are earnestly praying that more will receive God's blessings and get a closer walk with Him, putting on His whole armor, before this glorious revival closes. God grant that we will all be blessed for Jesus' sake.

Little may we have thought that the Church of God would be organized here so soon, but praise God, He has seen fit to bring it about. Say, dear Church of God members, we shall be so happy to have you pray for us in this little revival. I am one who has been convinced to certain truths of holiness and the baptism of the Holy Ghost lately, and I want you saints to pray that I may be fully convinced as to all these Bible truths so that I may be able to get a deeper experience in God. O that ere long I shall receive the endowment of power so that I can serve the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Pray and pray till God answers. Yours in the Lord, Austin Sweeting.

CEDAR HARBOUR, Abaco.—We started a revival at this place on Jan. 26th. The first meeting was held in a little home. Crowds of people were present, on the inside and outside too, but a snake crawled out and most all the people left the house. The next night I secured a larger house so that all the people could get inside, but when we got to the church there was a crowd of people on the inside and outside too, so I gave out the message and the Lord blessed us in a wonderful way. Sister Justina Russel, Sister Berlin Sanders, and Sister Madleane Sanders surely did their best in helping in the work. Two were saved, two sanctified and six received the Holy Ghost. Brother W. R. Franks, Brother Jos. Sanders and Brother David Russel set the church in order with six members and many others are looking this way. Pray for me.—Your humble sister, Arabella Sanders.

AFRICAN NATIVES ARE AWE-STRICKEN BY FALL OF SNOW

Bengosi Cerenoira, Africa. (Feb. 22) Hoards of awe-stricken natives formed caravans from the lowlands Thursday to see "the blanket of alluh," which covered the hinterland for the first time in the recollection of the oldest inhabitants. It was a snowfall one and one half feet deep on the level and deeply banked on broken land. It caused the most reverent reactions by the natives, many of whom prostrated themselves in the fleecy drifts in subjection to Allah's will.

NIAGARA FALLS TURN TO BLOOD

(Rev. 16:3, 4)

Strange will be the occurrence in nativity during the tribulations toward which the world is so rapidly moving. The above portion of Scripture refers to a particular chemical change that will take place in the waters when the seven viles are poured out. As if to give the human family a little foretaste and a warning of what is coming, we are hearing of water turning to blood in different parts of the earth, and accompanying every report there invariably comes the word that scientists are foiled at what they are seeing take place.

In connection with prophecies recorded in the 16th chapter of Revelation consider the following press report of Jan. 2, 1934, which appeared in the Toronto Daily Star: The strange spectacle of crimson colored water flowing over the Niagara Falls brought hundreds of sight-seers today. The water changed color during the night. At dawn, instead of sunrise sea-green here, the water was a deep red. The rocks at the bottom of the falls had been transformed into a curtain of red velvet. It is believed to be the first time in history that the falls have flowed crimson. The water over the Horseshoe Falls is much darker than usual but the red is not so noticeable as on the U. S. side.

From a community in Italy there recently came newspaper reports headed "Rains blood in Italy." The press notices then explained that in a particular locality a blood-red rain had fallen. Italians seemingly were without explanation of the strange event. A faithful Defender reader in Port Huron, Michigan

writes: A stream here in this state turned red, bringing people by the hundreds to view it. The natives bottled the water and sold it. I under-

stand that it was examined chemically and called "blood water." The third Angel continued: Rev. 16:5, 6.

SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

The Lord is blessing here at McCall. Folks are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Our Sunday School is climbing. We are finishing our church. We have a fine band of people here and they are working for the cause. We have organized a mission society here and they are doing fine work. I think our state overseer is one of the best and one of the most consecrated men I ever met. Many may wonder at his success but I don't for every minister that I know of in the state loves him and they would die for him. You can talk to some about Brother Whittington and tears will come to their eyes, and just give out that he is going to preach in town and you will have a crowd. He has done many of the ministers some favors, including me, that many men wouldn't do. So ministers and lay all love Brother Whittington and appreciate having him for our state overseer. We're up on missions. Please pray for us here in McCall.—Humbly, Wade Horton, pastor, McCall, S. C.

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BRISTOL, Tenn.—God is blessing in the new field at Toecane, N. C. in a wonderful way. We closed a few days' service at this place Jan. 1st with one filled with the Holy Ghost, four sanctified, four saved, and the church very much encouraged and many friends won for the church. The power of God was manifested in our midst. Unity and love among the saints was the best I ever experienced. We expect to return at once for another battle against sin and Satan and covet the prayers of everybody knowing the worth of prayer. We sent tracts ahead of us and gave several out during the meeting, which helped out fine. We heard of some getting their Bible down to see if we were preaching the truth. It is sad to think of the many souls who have never heard the true gospel. May God help us to awake to the sense of our duty. Pray for me.—Your brother in Christ, J. Carl Conley, C. C. C. Camp F-11.

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ROANOKE DIST., Va.—I want

to say hello to all the Church of God laity, leaders and laborers. I got torn up over some business and forgot to send in a report of our meeting but I never heard such preaching in all my life. If you had been here you would have thought Virginia had some of the best on earth. Brother Daniels, Brother Cree Collins, Brother Sapp, Brother Brabson and Brother Statum brought the messages. God surely blessed. We are building a new church 32-48 in East Roanoke. I have been collecting the forty cents and have almost completed the job at Radford church. Come over and see what you think of us when at Monroe, Va. All saints pray for me. I have a hard job.—Your brother in Jesus, love to all. Alex Shaffer, Salem, Va.

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St. Joseph, Mo.—We praise God for the meeting we had for about five days. Brother W. J. Milligan, our dear overseer, was able to visit us and we enjoyed his messages which were given in the power of the Holy Ghost. Truly the power and presence of God was manifested as the saints wept, shouted, danced and praised God in almost every service. On Sunday morning Brother Milligan made a soul stirring plea to raise the quota for the General Indebtedness and the people responded in a very short time with \$11.65 cash and \$5.50 pledges. We want to say to the churches in Missouri, if you are having trouble in raising your quota, just send for Brother Milligan. We are still having good interest.—Sister Myrtle Luke, clerk.

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HAZEL GREEN, Ky.—On Oct. 13, 1933 Brother Boone Powell came into our town and held a revival in which the Lord began to bless. The revival lasted until Nov. 12th resulting in eleven saved, twenty-two sanctified, twenty filled with the Holy Ghost and a church being set in order Nov. 24th with twenty members. The work is still progressing but we need your prayers. Pray for the Church of God here. There were only three who had the Holy Ghost before

Brother Powell came. Mrs. Carson Neal was in charge of the services before the revival started, which helped to pave the way. Remember us in your prayers. The church is in charge of Brother Boone Powell.—Yours in Christ Jesus, Jesse C. Tibbs, deacon.

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GREENSBORO, N. C.—On July 16 Brother E. M. Bryant came here and held a soul-stirring revival. Several were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and I was among the number. I am still living for Jesus today. The church in Greensboro is young and needs prayer. Brother G. C. Smith is our pastor. On Aug. 28 Brother Bryant organized a Y. P. E. with thirty members. We have good programs and it seems that some one gets a blessing out of every program. We have our Y. P. E. service at five o'clock Sunday evening. Pray much for us.—Newby Dixon, Y. P. E. secretary and church reporter.

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ENLARGING THE PLACE OF OUR TENT

LOGAN DIST., W. Va.—We praise the Lord for the Church of God of the Logan district. We are enlarging the place of our tent, stretching forth the curtain of our habitation, lengthening our cords and strengthening our stakes. We have just entered a new field at Lundale. After praying and obtaining a building Sister Tola Browning, assisted by the writer and others, started a revival there. The Lord blessed and gave us some true Church of God material. At the close of the revival Dec. 17, our district overseer came and established a church with eight members. This church has a wonderful prospect. The writer and Sister Tola Browning are in charge of this church. Please pray earnestly for us that many souls will get saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost here.—Wm. V. Cable, pastor.

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DEERING, Mo.—I praise the Lord for our wonderful five nights' meeting. Brother Milligan, our state overseer, came down and brought some good brethren to sing and play. Brother Milligan brought forth the message four nights and Bro. Manous preached Friday night. The Lord blessed every night. One soul was saved and several were in the altar. It was a wonderful encouragement to the saints. We give these brethren a

hearty welcome to come back to our church any time. I praise the Lord for the Church of God at Vicksburg, Mo. Pray for me that God will grant me a Christian home in which to live. I want to be an instrument in His hands.—Your sister under the blood, Mrs. Bertie Book, secretary and treasurer.

Altoona, Ala.—We have had the greatest revival ever held here. Many souls are rejoicing with great victory in this town. Brother Earl Brewer, our pastor, has been running a four weeks' revival here. God blessed wonderfully. Thirty-nine were saved, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-two added to the church. We appreciate our pastor and family. Please pray for the hungry souls in this town. We have a wonderful Sunday School and also prayer meeting Thursday night. God blesses us.—One who desires your prayers, Miner Davenport.

IT ISN'T THE CHURCH IT'S YOU

It isn't the pastor's flowery prayer,
Or the way the choir sings,
Or the size of the coin your neighbor gives,
Or the help your brother brings;
It isn't the size of your favorite church,
Or the cost of your favorite pew,
Or the style of the clothes the members wear;
For it isn't the church it's you.

It isn't the way the work is done,
Or the way the money's spent.
Or whether the gospel's all brought in,
Or whether there's some that's sent;
It isn't the kind of creed they love,
Or peculiar things they do,
Or whether the doctrine suits your taste;
For it isn't the church it's you.

For the chain's as strong as the weakest link,
And it breaks with a heavy load;
But a church that's full of the links that pull,
Can level the roughest road.
If you can get in tune with the Master's will,
With your heart and your labors too,
You will love your church though it has its faults;
For it isn't the church it's you.—Sent in by Louise Jones, Newport, N. C.

A WITNESS FOR JESUS

RANDOLPH, Me.—To all the saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name. As I sit alone in my office tonight meditating on the good things of God I feel it would be a good time to write. On Aug. 13, 1932 I jumped from a truck and broke my hip. I was taken to the Gardiner General Hospital. The doctors gave me an examination and took an X-ray picture and said they didn't believe my hip would ever heal. They said I had T. B. of the bone, and that I would have to stay there at least six months and my leg would have to be put in a cast. Well, that made me feel blue, but I thought of the man who laid at the gate when Peter and John were going into the temple and I said, "That man never did walk, surely he must have been worse off than I am."

The saints came in to pray for me, Sister Bowles, who has gone

on to her reward, Brothers H. W. Poteat, G. M. Bloomingdale, Brother and Sister Littlefield, Sister Vivian (Haworth) Bloomingdale, Sister Banks, and some more of the saints. They prayed and God heard and answered prayer. Today I am living, walking, talking, a witness to the saving grace, keeping power, and healing virtue of Jesus Christ.—Yours in Jesus' love, Joshua Chubbuck, 27 Water St.

REVIVAL

GREAT FALLS, S. C.—We are in a revival here in Great Falls with Brother John H. Smith of Greenwood in charge. The Lord is blessing wonderfully. We had baptizing Easter Sunday. We already have ten candidates and the meeting is to run another week. We solicit the prayers of His people everywhere.—Vernon McCormick.

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LESSON 3

APRIL 15

JESUS TEACHES FORGIVENESS

TEXT: Matt. 18:21-35. — MEMORY VERSE: Eph. 4:32.

TIME: Late summer or early autumn of A. D. 29. — PLACE: Capernaum.

GOLDEN TEXT: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.—Matt. 6:12.

LEADING THOUGHT: We cannot gain nor keep the favor of God without we have the forgiving spirit.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE

THE LAW OF FORGIVENESS

V. 21. "Then came Peter to him, and said." The question was a necessity to find a true solution for constant violations of Christian principles and divine law. "Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?" Three times, said the Rabbis, ye must forgive an erring brother. Peter was more liberal in his question, yet he was wrong in the true purpose of forgiveness. God's forgiveness is not limited where there is true repentance.

V. 22. "Jesus saith unto him." His reply is decidedly different from Rabbinical methods or even Peter's liberality. "I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven." Four hundred and ninety times. It is thought a reference is made to the retribution exacted from Lamech; if Cain shall be revenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and seven fold, Gen. 14:24. Forgiveness must be as broad as that which vengeance exacts.

PARABLE OF THE TWO DEBTORS

V. 23. "Therefore is the kingdom of heaven like unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants." The kingdom is here referred to as a government administered by a certain earthly king. The picture supposes some great oriental potentate with numerous viceroys or satraps who have to render an account of revenues received. These are called servants even though they are high officials and the monarch's subordinates.

V. 24. "And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents." The word reckon means to take account. The vast sum of ten thousand talents. If gold talents are here mentioned the sum would be \$336,400,000. This vast sum represents our many sins committed against God. Notice this offender was brought unto Him. Perhaps some one knowing of his offence who desired Him to be convicted.

V. 25. "But forasmuch as he had not to pay." That is, he was absolutely bankrupt and had not means whatever to meet his deficit. The same is true of a sinner. We have nothing wherewith to atone for our sins. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. "His lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children." Each sin committed involves our loved ones in the injury caused by sin. "And all that he had,

and payment to be made." The penalty was to bring the offender to repentance. The sale of his wife and family as slaves could not satisfy such a debt. Our loved ones cannot atone for our personal sins.

THE SERVANT'S PETITION

V. 26. "The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him." An oriental custom of individuals prostrating themselves before their superiors. This was perhaps done again and again. "Saying, Lord, have patience with me and I will pay thee all." He petitioned his lord to be long-suffering with him yet in his terror and anguish he promised impossible things.

V. 27. "Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion." Earthly circumstances has its counterpart in God's dealings with sinners. "He had compassion on them," or on the multitudes is oftentimes recorded in the gospels. Humility, confession, and prayer are accepted by Him as payment of debt. "And loosed him, and forgave him the debt." The servant was released from being sold as a slave. Sinners are released from captivity and bondage under Satan and their sins forgiven through Christ's suffering in their stead. The servant only asked for a stay of time but was acquitted and forgiven of the enormous amount.

THE SERVANT'S UNFORGIVING SPIRIT

V. 28. "But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence." Or a denarius, a Roman coin containing about seventeen cents worth of silver. It represented a day's wage of a laborer equal to two or three dollars in purchasing power today. "And laid his hands on him." How insignificant and mean was his dealings with his fellowservant who owed him less than one millionth part of the enormous sum which his master had forgiven him. "And took him by the throat." Thus hindering any effort of prayer or petition on his part. "Saying, Pay me that thou owest." The picture illustrates how hard we deal with others and how unforgiving we are when some one has wronged us.

V. 29. "And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all." His fellowservant repeated the action which he himself had used so successfully, and beside this, they were fellowservants. The servant whom his master had just forgiven remembered

his own bitter experience but he was unforgiving.

V. 30. "And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt." He did not regard the words and method by which he had been saved from prison and forgiven of his great debt. He had likewise forgotten his master's kindness. When we are unforgiving and deal hard with an offending member, we are unlike Christ. The servant could not pay while he was confined in prison, nor can some one who has wronged you properly repent unless you help furnish the love and grace to open the way for that repentance.

A CRY FOR VENGEANCE

V. 31. "So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry." They were sorry because their fellowservant had been oppressed and treated so unjustly. They were sure that the compassion of their master who had forgiven his officer would likewise extend forgiveness to him who was but a servant. "And came and told unto their lord all that was done." They were not talebearers or tattlers, prayer had been ignorantly, mercy had been set aside in the refusal of forgiveness and patience.

FORGIVENESS LOST BY UNFORGIVENESS

V. 32. "Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant." Brought a second time before his lord, not to receive forgiveness, but to have the enormity of his guilt exhibited to him and to be punished for not dispensing and passing on to others in his dealings the like compassion and favor which had been shown him. He was rightly addressed a wicked servant. He was not so addressed at first. His harsh dealings with his fellowservant was worse than misappropriating his lord's money. "I forgave thee all that debt because thou desiredst me." Because thou didst call on me for aid. The forgiveness was unexpectedly large.

V. 33. "Shouldst not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?" "His guilt lies in his unmercifulness in the face of mercy received." The king says no more. Mercy is the end of God's effort to save His sinning ones from judgment.

V. 34. "And his lord was wroth." While God is especially represented as a God of love and always deals first with His creatures in love, after it is spurned and rejected the Bible represents Him as being wroth because of man's insistence of living on in sin. "And delivered him to the tormentors." Said by some to be a rank of punishment in which prisoners are prodded along before them with their spears till blood runs down their backs and sometimes dragged along by ropes, running when the horses run hurriedly.

A TRIAL BALANCE

V. 35. "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses." This verse points to the unmerciful dealings of mankind with each other.

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for their visits and help. There are still hungry souls here who want the blessing and we ask all who read this to pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, Robert Gilbert, clerk.

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I take this method to notify the churches on the Princeton district that Brother E. L. Rickman, Princeton, W. Va., has been appointed district superintendent for the Sunday Schools, and Brother Marion Crotty, Princeton, W. Va., has been appointed district superintendent for the Y. P. E. We are asking each Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendent and president to co-operate with these two brethren and help them plan for the conventions. We are planning on having a district convention for the Sunday Schools and Y. P. E. We want to have each of these conventions before we have our district convention for the church. Also, we appreciate the way each church has co-operated with us in raising the 40c assessment. We already have sufficient funds in the treasury, with the amount that has already been sent in, to take care of each member that we have on the entire district. We will be ready to mail the balance in after we have quarterly conference. We especially request each church to get behind the mission cause with the pastor. We want to be one hundred per cent loyal in that which is committed to our trust during the district convention. We have secured Brother H. D. Statum from Monroe, Va. for a revival beginning the first Sunday in April. Pray that we will have a successful revival.—Your brother and co-worker, R. C. Cook, district overseer.

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The Hattiesburg district convention will convene at Hattiesburg, Miss. April 13-15. Our state overseer will be with us throughout the convention. We are expecting a wonderful time with the Lord so we want you to come and be with us. We are expecting our neighboring districts to give us a visit at this time. Come on, pastors and clerks of Hattiesburg district, and bring us a good report. Let's make this a wonderful convention. If you cannot possibly come, please pray.—Humbly, M. J. Headly.

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The Church of God at Manns

Choice, Pa. began a revival March 21st with Brother Solomon Scalf in charge. Three have been sanctified and the altar is full of seekers. God is blessing our labor and we give Him all the glory. Brother Scalf is preaching the Word of God just like it is and is doing a good work here. Please pray for this revival.—A. L. Smith, pastor.

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Brother O. W. McDaniel who has been conducting a revival at Glamorgan, Va. reports thirty-six saved, twenty-nine sanctified, twenty-four receive the Holy Ghost and twenty-three added to the church up to March 26. The Lord is blessing in a marked way. Pray for the revival to spread over the entire Appalachian district, which includes Lee, Scott, Wise, and Dickenson counties in Virginia, a vast territory with only eight churches set in order, but many towns and communities ripe for the gospel.—Faithfully in Christ, P. W. Hadsock, district superintendent, Coeburn, Va.

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To whom it may concern: This is to notify the readers of the Evangel that James A. Lewis of Detroit, Mich is in full fellowship with the Church of God in Detroit. He has turned his work over to us and has gone on the field to evangelize. Since doing this he has held us a revival in North Woodville, and is welcome to preach in any church under our jurisdiction. At present he is not licensed but in the proper time this will be taken care of. Brother Lewis is a man who loves the Church of God and her teachings, and is well able to defend her doctrine. Your co-operation with him will be appreciated by the writer.—D. G. Phillips, state overseer of Michigan.

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If any one knows the whereabouts of Davis S. Shirley or his family, I would be glad you would write me, his sister.—Vernon Hy-saw, Hackleburg, Ala.

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I want to know the whereabouts of Kit C. McGarity and Drannan McGarity, last heard of at Pine Bluff, Ark. It will be well for them to get in touch with me at once.—Your brother in Christ, L. G. Rouse, overseer of Arkansas, 205 Cook St., Forrest City, Ark.

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Will some one please send me the following song ballads: "The Church of God is Right" and "Je-

sus is Getting Us Ready for that Great Day". Thanking you and assuring you they will be sung for the glory of God, I am your sister in the great Church of God, Mrs. Mae Belle Murks, Rt. 2, Lexington, Ala.

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A revival is now in progress here with Brother T. J. Looney, wife, daughter, and Sister Pearl Auten in charge. Fifteen were in the altar last night with four saved, one sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray that God will have His way.—Your brother in Christ, Edwin C. Henson, pastor, 82 Union St., Portland, Me.

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The annual district convention of the Church of God of Logan, W. Va. district will convene at Switzer, W. Va., April 27-29. We are expecting a wonderful time in the Lord. Don't forget to spend a few more minutes for the convention. Pray that God will send us an old time Pentecostal shower. I believe He will. Praise God! I can feel it in my soul now.—Your district overseer, E. H. Bowen.

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To all the members of the Church of God at Linden, Fla.: We expect to have a home coming here the fourth Sunday in April. We especially insist that each member be here with a love offering to apply on the indebtedness of the Church, such as the general indebtedness at Headquarters and our state camp ground, etc. Try to make your offering as much as \$1.00 if possible. If you just can't make it that much, make it as much as you can. We hope and expect to have either our state overseer, Brother Williams, or our district overseer, Brother Padgett, or possibly both, with us. Please come home on that day, with your offering, and let's come out of the hole with our financial obligations. We extend the invitation to the other churches and members of the district, and to all who are not in the district. Come and be with us if you can. We expect to have all-day service and dinner at the church. Come with your basket and your offering, expecting a feast from the Lord. Come, come, one and all. If you can't be here yourself, please send in your offering by that time.—Leon Thomas, pastor, Linden, Fla.

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We would like to hear from Brother and Sister Lee Green at

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once.—Mrs. G. S. Phillips, clerk, Melrose, N. Mex., Box 85.

The Church of God at Moultrie, Ga., wishes to know the whereabouts of Arthur L. Cobb who joined the church at Moultrie, Aug. 28, 1932. He hasn't been heard from since. We wish to know his standing spiritually.—A brother in Christ, D. C. Courtney, clerk, 115 N. E. 5th Ave., Moultrie, Ga.

The Double Springs district convention will convene at Helican, Ala., April 27-29. We are looking for the greatest convention we have ever had. Come on and share the blessings of God with us. We are expecting our state overseer to be with us and a number of other

ministers. We are expecting the Sumiton band. Please don't fail to be there.—District Overseer, John D. Raynor, Cullman, Ala.

To the ministers and churches of the Pine and Odum districts: This is to notify you that our district convention will convene at Pine Grove, April 20-22. This will include Brunswick and the Ludowici work of Long County. Make your plans now. There will be dinner on the ground the 22nd. Fix a big box. Come on! I will say to our neighbor districts, you have a hearty welcome. Brother Floyd and others, come on, let's have a good time in the Lord.—Y. E. McNear, Odum, Ga.

All members of the Church of God at Brunswick, Ga. are in-

vited to our home coming week starting Sunday, May 6, 1934. We would like to know the whereabouts of James Simon Carter and Edith Bradom. Pray for us.—J. P. Carey, clerk, 204½ Howe St., Brunswick, Ga.

To the Evangel readers and children of God: Please pray for me. God called me to preach the Gospel two years ago and I haven't moved a step to the cause yet. I would like to have a little study on the work, but I am not able to go to school or take a course by mail. If any one has any of the lessons by correspondence on hand you can lend or give me I would appreciate it very much. You may wonder at me asking for this but I have four in family besides myself and have not any work at all. But I am trusting in God. I found a book some one had thrown away and it is much help to me. If I just had the rest of it. It is lesson four. If you don't have any to send me please pray that God will help me in some way to get in the field for I can see in my sleep souls going down without God.—Your brother, W.W. George, Salem, W. Va., Rt. 3, Box 22.

Evangel Rally

While we did not obtain the desired number of new subscribers during the month of March, we did considerably increase the list of yearly subscribers to the Evangel. We are offering other premiums to those who work for the paper this month and will appreciate your co-operation in securing subscriptions to the paper. Come on and let us put the Evangel in every new home possible.

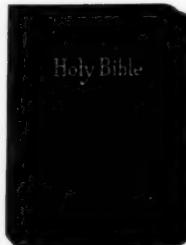
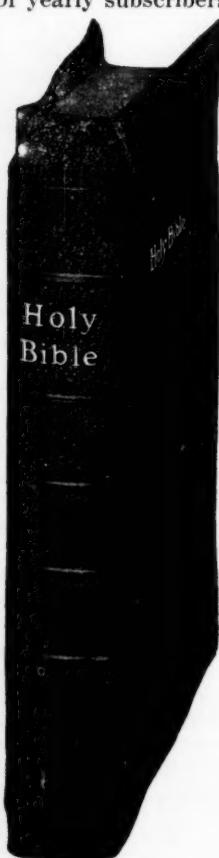
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**REQUESTS**

We have set the church in order here, also organized a Sunday School and I am asking all the saints who read the Evangel to remember this place in their prayers. Brother Elmer Mitchell is our pastor. Saints, please remember me. I need your prayers. Remember my Sunday School class. Pray for our pastor that he'll bring some soul winning sermons and that we'll have a good church here and there will be more souls brought to the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. R. L. Woodward, Rochester, Tex.

Pray for my unsaved husband. He is a backslider and is deeply under conviction. We are praying for a revival here. Pray that my husband will get saved.—Your sister in Christ, Ora Owens, Mission, Tex.

I really praise God for His great love He shows His unworthy children. He is so good to us. We don't have any good preaching down here any more. It seems we can't get a preacher to preach for us since our dear beloved Brother Mullen passed away. He was so

faithful to preach until the last. We didn't know how to appreciate him until it was too late. Folks, pray for this place and please pray for me that God may touch my body and that I might get closer to the Lord. Brother Lemons and Brother Fritz, if you see this please write to me. May God bless all the saints everywhere.—Mrs. Myrtle Wright, Cascilla, Miss.

We are on the battlefield for the dear Master at Ft. Towson, Okla. but there is so much sickness it looks as though we are going to have to stop the meeting for a while. We are expecting a good church at this place; it is a very needy place so we ask you to pray for us. We need prayer. God is able to do all things.—C. M. Barrett.

I praise the Lord for the joy-bells of salvation in my soul. I thank Him for what He is to me right now. I request prayer for a sinner woman here by the name of Fannie Cobbs. Pray for her and her husband, C. B. Cobbs, to be saved. Pray that he will be healed also. He has asthma. Pray for me to hold out faithful and be humble.—Your sister in Christ, Hester Hall, 6209 Louisiana Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Please pray for the healing of my sister's body. She has lung trouble and requests prayer. She says if the Lord doesn't undertake she will not get well. Please get this on your heart.—Richard Rainey, Dalton, Ga.

I am requesting prayer for Mr. R. A. Wilson who was carried to the Army Hospital this week for treatment. Saints everywhere please pray that he may be healed of lung trouble and be saved.—Myrtle Whitehead, Hartwell, Ga.

I request special prayer for the healing of my gums. They are diseased and my teeth will have to be pulled if the Lord doesn't undertake.—Mrs. B. E. Kings, Covington, La.

Pray for me to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and grow stronger in the Lord.—Your sister in Christ, Lois Peel, Mission, Tex.

Dear Evangel readers, please pray for me that the Lord will heal my body. I am glad to report vic-

tory in my soul and am ready to go. Pray that He will heal and bless me and my unsaved children.—A sister in the Lord, Lizzie Reese, Pelzer, S. C.

Please pray much for my husband to get back to God.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. W. McCain, Stewart, Miss.

Pray for the healing of my body. The enemy keeps me afflicted till I can't work for God as I should. Pray as soon as you read this. Ask God to undertake.—Your unworthy brother in Christ, Van Brown-ing, Davin, W. Va.

We have started a revival in Tucson, Ariz. close in town. Every one pray for our success. Pray for the church to build up. Brother John Sharp is in charge. Pray for my body to be strengthened to help in the revival.—Your brother and co-worker in the Church of God, Ross Hill, Gen. Del., Tucson, Ariz.

LIVING BY FAITH

HOT SPRINGS, S. Dak. — I praise the Lord because I am ahead of the devil. I am saved, sanctified, the Holy Ghost abides and I am divinely healed. I am also a member of the great Church of God and am kept by the power of God day by day. Thank God for His great love to the children of men.

I thank God for the dear little Evangel that is such a comfort to me while I am so far away from home, dear brothers and sisters in the Lord and church. I thank my brothers and sisters in Jacksonville, Fla. for sending the Evangel to me as I could not get it otherwise. I am sixty-five years old and have no income at all, just living by faith. Glory! My Father has never failed me.

Some Church of God minister who knows how to trust God for your all, please come this way as I know there are some hungry hearts here.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. This has been a day of rejoicing for me in the Lord because I know my name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Every one please pray for me.—A sister looking for Jesus to come, Mrs. Hattie Heaps, 206-6th St.

STATE MEETINGS

TENN. STATE CONVENTION
N. Chattanooga, Tenn., Apr. 26-29
T. S. PAYNE, Overseer

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J. H. CURRY, Overseer

NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

Erwin, N. C., May 3-6
John L. Stephens, Overseer

OHIO STATE CONVENTION

Middletown, Ohio, May 18-20
E. Haynes, Overseer

VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

Roanoke, Va., June 8-10
I. H. Brabson, Overseer

ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION

Pratt City, Ala., July 19-22
W. W. Harmon, Overseer

BAHAMA ISLANDS CONVENTION

April 15-21, Nassau, N. P., Bah.
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